



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & RECREATION

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Meeting Announcement

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

DCR and DEQ Announces Public Meeting on Watershed Cleanup Plan

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Department of Environmental Quality hosted a public meeting on Wednesday April 8, 2009, at St. Mary's Whitechapel Episcopal Church Assembly Hall in Lancaster, VA on the development of a cleanup plan for Greenvale and Beach Creeks in Lancaster County, Virginia.

The meeting was held at St. Mary's Whitechapel Episcopal Church Assembly Hall. The meeting covered the process for developing the plan and how citizens can be involved in the clean-up plan development and implementation.

DEQ has developed a total maximum daily load, or a TMDL, for polluted streams in the Greenvale and Beach Creek watersheds. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. The streams have excessive bacteria which decrease the quality of the water,

prohibiting the harvest of molluscan shellfish. To restore water quality, pollutant levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

The public comment period on materials presented at this meeting will extend to May 13, 2009. For more information, contact May Sligh, IP coordinator with the DCR – Tappahannock Field Office by phone at (804)443-1494 and by e-mail at May.Sligh@dcr.virginia.gov. Additional information is also available on the DEQ web site at www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl.